

The Boulevard



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The City of Bellaire is an active community. Below is a list of upcoming special events and important dates to remember. For more information on these and other activities, check out the [City Events Calendar](#).

Watch for the Summer 2016 [Leisure Activities Guide](#).

April

- Apr 9** Bellaire Trolley Run
- Apr 23** Family Safety Day
- Apr 23** NDC Spring Fling
- Apr 30** ESB Recycling Pick up
- Apr 30** Drug Take Back Program
- Apr 30** Wine & Tapas
- Apr 30** City Wide Garage Sale

May

- May 14** Trolleywood Movie
- May 16** Town Hall Meeting
- May 26** Pools Open for Summer
- May 26** Summer Reading Registration Begins
- May 28** Library Closed
- May 30** **Memorial Day**—City Offices closed,
No garbage pick up

For more Community Happenings see back page



H-E-B To Rebuild in Bellaire

Construction Date Set for 2017

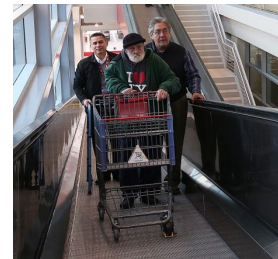
With the support of the Bellaire City Council and its Planning and Zoning Commission, H-E-B has committed to re-invest in the community by building a newly designed store at its current location, 5130 Cedar.

"We have enjoyed our Bellaire neighbors for the past 22 years and look forward to bringing them a store tailored to their needs...for years to come," said Scott McClelland, H-E-B Houston president.

The new store will contain an innovative combination of products and services designed specifically with the shoppers from the neighborhood in mind including expanded and new departments. At this time, plans include a two-story building that will more than double the size of the current store. Shoppers will also enjoy expanded parking in the two-story garage equipped with elevators and "travelators" to easily transfer purchases to a vehicle.

"We welcome this new store and the opportunity to strengthen our relationship with H-E-B as a valued community partner. This project is reflective of the City's efforts over the last several years to encourage commercial redevelopment...that will improve our commercial areas and better serve the needs of our residents," said Mayor of Bellaire, Andrew Friedberg.

The current location opened in 1994. New construction will begin in early 2017 with a grand opening scheduled for fall 2017.



"Travelators" transport shoppers and their purchases between levels. This will be the second two story HEB built in the state of Texas.

Mayor's corner >>>

Nothing will bring Peter Mielke back. Not the commitment, dedication and perseverance of the Bellaire Police, who worked tirelessly around the clock investigating the case. Nor the helpful assistance and resources offered by Crime Stoppers of Houston, the Harris County D.A., the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences and other agencies. Nor the heartfelt prayers of a grieving community. Nothing will bring back to life the son, co-worker, classmate and friend, whose tragic and senseless loss we continue to mourn.

But it does bring some measure of solace and closure, to know that the ruthless, depraved killer will be brought to swift justice. He has taken an innocent life, but we will not sit idly by and let him get away with it. Or to kill again. Not on our watch.

The citizens of Bellaire express our great appreciation to the fine men and women who wear our badge and selflessly put themselves on the front lines each and every day, working to keep us and our community safe. We offer our congratulations and highest praise in particular to Lt. Greg Bartlett and Detectives Mike Lacy, Juanita Sandoval and Gil Macedo, for their successful investigation of this case. You've made us all very proud, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We continue to pray for Peter and his family, comforted that his killer is off the streets and will pay for what he has done.

Sincerely Yours,

Facilities Town Hall Meeting
Monday, May 16
6:00 pm
Civic Center

public works >>>

Projects and Services

Not sure which roads to avoid on the morning commute to work? Check out the [major construction projects](#) and their affected areas as Bellaire works toward improving streets and sidewalks.

Visit the [Public Works Department website](#) for detailed information on construction projects, recycling and waste collection and report problems in the [Resident Request Center](#)

Bellaire the Happiest Place In Texas

According to Zippia, City of Bellaire has been ranked #2 on the list of Happiest Places in Texas. For more information you can visit <https://www.zippia.com/advice/happiest-places-in-texas/>.

The Bellaire Pools open for summer operations on May 26. Check out the website for new daily admission pricing information and pool hours. Jump in the Fun!

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Household Hazardous Waste Voucher Program

The City of Bellaire, through a grant provided by the Houston-Galveston Area Council, and the TCEQ, is offering a voucher program for residents to dispose of residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) at City of Houston facilities. This program is offered to all Bellaire residents with proof of residency.

The City budgets annually for this program and the vouchers carry a non-transferable monetary value of \$75. The vouchers are provided on a "first come, first served" basis.

Residents can request a voucher from the Public Works Department by calling (713) 662-8150 or emailing pw@bellairetx.gov. Unfortunately we are unable to mail or fax the vouchers because the City of Houston requires the original voucher

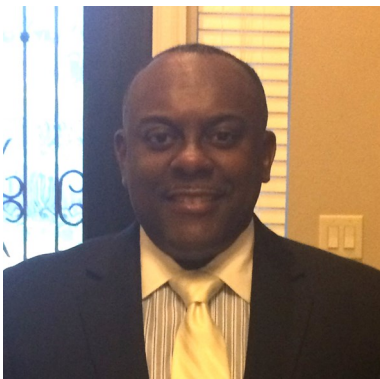
to be presented at the time of delivery. Arrangements can be made to pick up vouchers Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

You may be asking yourself, what is household hazardous waste? To answer your question, HHW products include oil-based paint (stains, strippers, and varnishes), household cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, fertilizers and other yard products. Even electronics such as televisions and computer monitors contain hazardous components. Most products can be identified by such words as "warning," "danger," "toxic," "corrosive," "irritant," "flammable," or "caution" found on the labels.

For more information on what can and cannot be disposed of through the voucher program, please visit the City's website at www.bellairetx.gov.



New City of Bellaire CFO Terrence Beaman



Terrence Beaman will be joining the City of Bellaire as the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO), effective April 13th. Terrence holds a Master's of Public Administration and Bachelor's in Business Accounting. Terrence has spent the last two years as Assistant Director of Finance for Harris County. He is very familiar with municipal government. Prior to moving to Houston two years ago, Terrence served approximately 20 years of progressively related experience in municipal government in California as CFO, Director of Finance and several other closely related positions.

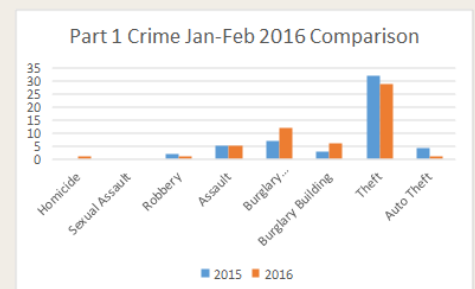
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The teapot water tower on the right served Bellaire for 47 years, from 1937-1984.

The new 500,000-gallon tank at the corner of Rice and Jessamine was completed in the summer of 1984.



police >>>



Crime Report

The Bellaire Police Department hosted a free Vehicle Identification Number etching program in an effort to reduce auto theft. Officers etched the vehicle identification number on windows free of charge for residents of Bellaire, West U, Houston and surrounding areas. The next program is scheduled for May 24 at 9 am in the parking lot located next to the Bellaire police station.



Hurricane Preparation Information Questions and Answers from Fire Chief Anderson

As Hurricane Season approaches, the question on my mind is "how many hurricanes will we deal with from June until November 30th"? Some of the prognosticators that I like to follow are split right down the middle-45% for a very busy season and 45% for a very quiet season. NOAA's prediction of a late season la Nina could see an increase of late season hurricanes (el Nino's tend to increase wind shear, knocking the tops off Atlantic Hurricanes).

The Colorado State University predictions will be out on April 14th, revised on June 1st and revised again on August 3rd.

For now I'm going to say "No One Knows" and even if they did, what are we going to do about it. I think I'll answer my own question-Prepare!

Take stock of your resources, remembering the 72 hours rule of being self-sustained. Protect your important documents in a water proof container, keep your vehicle full or above ¾ tank for the duration of Hurricane Season; attend the Hurricane

Preparedness Workshop <http://www.hurricaneworkshop.com>; spend time researching and talking about hurricanes with your kids and neighbors.

The City of Bellaire held its first seasonal training on March 11th and will continue to rehearse for what we hope will not happen. We will be prepared, will you?

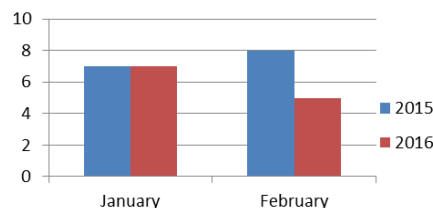


development activity >>>

Code Corner

Sec. 6-44-It shall be the responsibility of each owner or person in possession of a dog, while in the course of exercising or walking the dog, to pick up, remove, and properly dispose of all droppings left on public property, rights-of-way, or on the property of another person without that person's consent. For more information please contact the City of Bellaire's Animal Control Officer, Richard Perez, at 713-668-0487 or email him at rperez@bellairepolice.com.

City of Bellaire New Home Construction



There was a 20% decrease in the number of new homes constructed during January & February of 2016 when compared to the same period for 2015.

Boards and Commissions

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Applications will be accepted for open positions on the City's Boards and Commissions ending May 6, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. The application can be found on the City's [website](#).

The Boards and Commissions with openings include the Board of Adjustment, Building and Standards Commission, Cultural Arts Board, Environmental and Sustainability Board, Evelyn's Park Conservancy Board, LIFE Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Planning and Zoning Commission.

For more information please contact City Clerk, Tracy Dutton at 713-662-8275

Capital Improvement Project Website

The City of Bellaire Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is the strategic planning tool used for large projects or ones that span multiple years. Studies, assessments, master plans and staff input are used to develop the CIP. These projects are funded by general and enterprise fund revenues, bond proceeds and funds from METRO.

With the new website, bellairetx.gov/CIP, it is our goal to provide you with up to date information on project scope and status, as well as report on Council action relating to construction projects. In addition, we will post major construction updates, including street closures, that will impact residents. Residents will be able to view the Status Updates, submit project suggestions through the Request Tracker, and sign up for CIP Notify Me list serve to continue to receive important updates.



On March 7 the City Council voted to lock into the lowest electrical rate the City has seen since deregulation in 2001. The City obtained a \$0.03972/kwh locked in for the next five years. If rates do go lower than the City does have the option to take advantage of a lower rate. The City spends approximately \$65,000 a month on electricity.



APRIL 9, 2016

Register for the Trolley Run online at signmeup.com!



APRIL 30, 2016
7:00 – 11:00 PM
THE GREAT LAWN AT
ELLAIRE TOWN SQUARE

TICKETS AND/OR
DONATIONS ONLINE AT
BELLAIREPARKS.ORG
\$100 PER PERSON

THIS IS A FUNDRAISING EVENT. PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BENEFIT PATRONS FOR BELLAIRE PARKS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EVERGREEN PARK AND POOL.

Community Happenings Continued From pg. 1...

June/July

- June 4** Trolleywood Movie
- July 4** **Independence Day**—City Offices closed
No garbage pick up.
- July 4** Fourth of July Parade and Festival



Summer Reading Program

Get ready for a summer of reading for children, teens and adults at the Library! Registration begins May 26 with a big Kick-Off Celebration on May 31.

B.L.I.F.E.

The Bellaire L.I.F.E. Program offers fun and exciting activities for participants age 50 and up. Life begins at 50! Bellaire L.I.F.E. stands for Living, Information, Fun and Enrichment.

B.L.I.F.E. is located in the Bellaire City Hall Building at 7008 S. Rice.

For information on B.L.I.F.E. trips and events, please download a [Bellaire L.I.F.E. Newsletter](#).

What you can do on the City of Bellaire's [website](#)!

- Submit a service request via the [Resident Request Center](#)
- Watch past City Council meetings
- Pay your utility or court bill
- Renew/search/hold a library book
- Search crime/call database
- Download permit forms
- Get fire prevention tips
- Register for recreation classes
- ...and much more!

Tip-A-Cop

Bellaire Officers raised \$1,150.00 for Texas Special Olympics. These funds are used to provide sports programs to children and adults with physical and mental challenges.



Summer Hiring Now!

If you are interested in working as a lifeguard or summer camp counselor, please go online and apply today!

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New Faces!

Justin Clisham, Police
Danielle Elder, Library
Donald Elmer, Fire
James "Jim" Harrison, Finance
Timothy Jackson, Public Works
Able Lewis, Public Works
Jacob Martinez, Police
Christal Ravencraft, Public Works
Arthur Williams, Public Works
Heysel Zepeda, Parks, Recreation & Facilities

Want to be part of the team? The City currently has [available employment opportunities](#).

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bellaire city council >>>

Regular Meetings

1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.
-Located in Bellaire City Council Chambers
-Sign up to speak by clicking on a [meeting date](#) online or filling out a [speaker form](#).

Agendas, minutes and videos from past meetings are available [online](#).

Want to learn more about your elected City Council members? Find their contact information [online](#). Watch [live sessions](#) of Council and board meetings.



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